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## Timely Tidbits ... TLP on Summer Break

Yep, it's that time again – time for the small but hard-working staff of the little paper to take its annual break and enjoy some summer R&R. We'll see you again on July 31.

#### Guidebook Available for Displaced Workers

To assist displaced workers in Michigan, Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI15) is making available a guidebook filled with information about unemployment benefits, food stamps, foreclosure assistance, free financial counseling, MichiganWorks! centers, retraining programs, and other assistance designed to help people in this time of need. A copy of The Displaced Worker Assistance and Training Opportunities Guidebook has been posted on Dingell's Web site at <a href="http://www.house.gov/dingell/pdf/displacedworkerguidebook.pdf">http://www.house.gov/dingell/pdf/displacedworkerguidebook.pdf</a>.

#### "Party in the Park"

The Romulus Historical Society and the Romulus Historical Commission are inviting the public to attend their annual Party in the Park, to be held from 6:30 p.m. until dusk on Wednesday, July 15, at Romulus Historical Park (11120 Hunt Street, next to the Romulus Post Office). The free event will feature tours of the Wabash freight house, the historic Kingsley house, "music of yesteryear" provided by Phil Renke, and light refreshments. Period attire is optional.

#### P.O. Closes Early July 3

Postmaster Karen E. Hicks has announced that the Romulus Post Office (11000 Hunt Street) will close at noon on Friday, July 3. The last collection for mail deposited in blue collection boxes will also be at noon that day. (Collection points that have a regularly scheduled pickup prior to noon will be collected as scheduled.) Regular mail delivery for July 3 will be unaffected.

Post offices that will remain open until 5 p.m. on July 3 include:

- 1401 W. Fort St., Detroit
- · 113 W. Michigan Ave., Detroit
- 12245 Beech Daly Rd., Redford

Post office retail counters will be closed on Saturday, July 4, and there will be no mail delivery.

#### Candidates from Romulus, Taylor File Petitions for Local Elections; Primary Needed for Romulus Mayor, Clerk

A total of 21 Romulus residents and 19 Taylor residents seeking election to local offices in November filed candidacy petitions by the 4 p.m. deadline on June 23.

In Romulus, Clerk's Office staff members have already checked all 21 petitions to verify that they have the required number of signatures from registered voters. The candidates who filed are:

#### Mayor

- · Harry Crout
- Alan R. Lambert (incumbent)
- · Charles Sharrow

#### Clerk

- Raymond Cantrell
- Ellen Craig-Bragg
- Rendell Wooden

#### Treasurer

- Pamela Morrison-Kersey (incumbent)
- Stacy Paige

#### City Council

- John Barden (incumbent)
- Keenan Brown
- LeRoy Burcroff (incumbent)
- · Linda Choate

- William Crova (incumbent)
- Dean Gilbert
- Tom Madei
- Kenneth Mabrey
- · Charles Miller
- · Ronald Orr
- Celeste Roscoe
- William Wadsworth (incumbent)
- Eva Webb

Since there are more than twice as many candidates as there are seats for the mayor and clerk positions, each field will be reduced by one in a City primary election, set for Tuesday, September 15. Residents who are not yet registered to vote, but wish to participate in the primary, must register by Monday, August 17.

In Taylor, Clerk's Office staff members had not finished vetting petition signatures by the little paper's press time. Citizens who filed petitions, but may or may not have met all requirements for candidacy, were:

#### Mayor

- Jeffrey P. Lamarand
- · Cameron G. Priebe (incumbent)

#### Clerk

- · Erin H. Dobbins
- Mary Ann Rilley (incumbent)

#### Treasurer

Wayne F. Avery (incumbent)

#### City Council

- Jill Brandana (incumbent)
- Cheryl Burke
- Francis Canning
- John E. Delo
- Rick FloodJennifer Lane
- Jacklyn Molner (incumbent)
- Edward G. Mulka
- Herman "Butch" Ramik (incumbent)
- · Douglas Reimel
- Rick Sollars (incumbent)
- Dennis E. Stapleton (incumbent)
- Suzanne L. Weycker (incumbent)
- · Timothy Witz

In both Romulus and Taylor, any candidate who has changed his or her mind about running for office has until 4 p.m. on June 26 to submit a written request for withdrawal.

### Tour Taylor's Oldest Home on Michigan Log Cabin Day

By George Gouth, President, Taylor Historical Society and Taylor Historical Commission

Members of the Taylor Historical Society and Historical Commission are sprucing up the historical log homestead in Heritage Park for the 23rd Michigan Log Cabin Day. The city's oldest known home will be open to the public on Sunday, June 28, from 1 to 5 p.m.

During past open houses, visitors from around Michigan and beyond toured the beautiful, fully restored 1850s log cabin. This year, visitors will enjoy refreshments, listen to old-time music, view the many exhibits, and learn about early pioneer families who lived in the homestead.

The building dates back to the early 1850s, when it was a sod-covered, flatroofed, rustic homestead that was fashioned from logs cut from the site. Fred Miller, owner of AAA Dog and Cat Motel, where the cabin was originally located, donated the building to the City of Taylor. It was moved to Heritage Park in 1986. Completely renovated and restored, the building is used by civic organizations and school groups throughout the year. Several unique exhibits and displays depict the tools and artifacts of Taylor's early farming history. Visitors to Heritage Park can also enjoy the other historic structures that surround Coan Lake.

The first known owners of the log cabin were Andrew and Elizabeth Storch. They were among the many German immigrants who came to Michigan beginning in the 1850s. The Storches were from the same town in Mosbach Bayern, Germany.

Andrew followed in his father's trade as a locksmith. Elizabeth (1819-1897) and Andrew (1815-1888) were married on July 27, 1839, in Mosbach. They left Germany on April 11, 1854, and immigrated to the continued on page 5



In observance of Michigan Log Cabin Day, the public is invited to tour Taylor's oldest known home – now located in Heritage Park (Pardee Road between Goddard and Northline) – from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 28. *Photo by Dave Gorgon* 

### Guest Commentary

#### Aerotropolis To Create 60,000 Local Jobs



Representatives of the cities of Belleville, Romulus, Taylor, and Ypsilanti; the townships of Huron, Van Buren, and Ypsilanti; and the counties of Wayne and Washtenaw came together on June 17 to sign the Aerotropolis agreement.

By Mayor Alan R. Lambert, City of Romulus

The City of Romulus and eight other local governments signed an agreement last week to develop the area surrounding Wayne County's airports into a multi-billion-dollar economic engine that will bring tens of thousands of new jobs to our area.

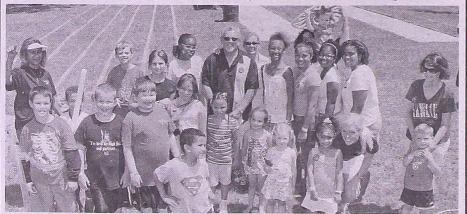
The Aerotropolis will transform the area between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports into a hub of economic activity, including offices, warehouses, residential developments, retail stores, and entertainment facilities. It will attract all kinds of investments and jobs from around the nation and the world right here to Romulus and the Metro Detroit area. It's estimated that the project will create more than 60,000 new jobs and bring \$10 billion into the local economy at a time when Michigan needs it most. When you think about the number of jobs we have lost in Michigan, speed going forward will matter.

I believe that Romulus has the most to gain from this vision, with thousands of acres of undeveloped land around the Airport waiting to be developed. Working in close partnership with local communities, the Aerotropolis will help improve local communities in many areas, boosting local businesses, schools, roads, and the overall quality of life. It will also benefit other regions across Michigan by providing a centralized hub for delivery, distribution, warehousing, and much more that can link Michigan businesses with the entire world.

This agreement came after many years of careful planning. Local businesses, citizens, and governments all had a seat at the table. As a result of our important input, the Aerotropolis will have an enormous benefit to numerous communities throughout southeast Michigan and especially the City of Romulus.

I am proud that we have a strong, forward-thinking government that can bring people together to attract much-needed investments and jobs to Romulus and the surrounding communities throughout Metro Detroit. This landmark agreement demonstrates that, by working together, we can rebuild our economy and move our city, our region, and our state forward.

#### Mayor's Family Fun Day Draws Nearly 500



Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert's Family Fun Day, held on June 20, featured free food, games, face-painting, and more. "In these tough economic times, it's difficult for some families to afford an outing," said Lambert. "I decided to provide a Family Fun Day that all Romulus residents could enjoy at no cost. I would like to thank everyone who participated, and hope that they enjoyed it as much as I did." *Photo by R. E. Kadau* 

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#### Rilley Seeks Reelection To Clerk's Office

Taylor City Clerk Mary Ann Rilley has filed petitions to seek reelection this fall.

Rilley – who says that, during the past six years, the Clerk's Office has undergone sweeping changes driven by legislation creating new federal and state mandates – has worked with state and county officials on elections, new election equipment technology, and legislative issues impacting the election process. She also took part in the statewide process of selecting new election equipment, which includes state-of-the-art tabulators and equipment meeting ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility standards.

"Working with fellow clerks throughout the county and state, we communicated the needs of our offices to ensure the integrity of elections and to maintain public confidence in the process," said Rilley. "Through diligence and hard work, we were successful in seamlessly making the mandated changes in election process."

Rilley proudly added, "During these very difficult financial times, when we are all asked to do more with less, I have managed, with my staff, to incorporate all of these changes with fewer employees than my predecessor, while returning funds to the City coffers at the end of every budget year during my tenure as City Clerk."

Rilley has held public office in Taylor since 1997, when she was appointed to the Taylor City Council. Since then, she has been elected three times by the voters of Taylor – as Chairwoman Pro Tem of the City Council, Council Chairwoman, and City Clerk. In the past two City elections, Rilley received a greater number of votes than any other candidate on the City ballot, including Mayor.

During the past 12 years as an elected



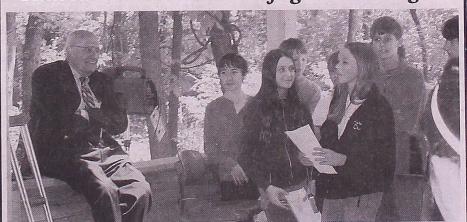
Mary Ann Rilley

official, Rilley has also served on the Taylor Recreation Commission, the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Western Wayne County, and the Board of Directors of the Taylor Schools' Foundation for Educational Excellence, and, just recently, her peers unanimously elected her as secretary of the Association of Wayne County Clerks.

Prior to entering public office, Rilley was no stranger to public service, volunteering with the Downriver Recycling Center, the Taylor Solid Waste Committee, the Taylor Recreation Commission, the Johnson Elementary PTA, and the Girls Scouts.

State Senator Ray Basham is among those who have endorsed Rilley, stating, "Mary Ann has a long history of dedication to public service in Taylor. Now more than ever, we need an experienced City Clerk – someone who can provide quality, seamless services to Taylor residents. Mary Ann Rilley stands for honesty, integrity, sincerity and hard work ... the qualities and service Taylor residents deserve."

#### Renton Students Tour Refuge with Dingell



About 90 students from New Boston's Renton Junior High School and Monroe Middle School joined Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI15) on May 29 for a tour of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. The students were invited to participate in the tour after essays by three of their classmates were selected as the winners of Dingell's recent conservation-themed writing contest. Students selected for their terrific work were: Megan Lickliter (front, right), RJHS; Jessica Ziegler (front, left), RJHS; and Samuel Snyder (not pictured), MMS. Sixth-through eighth-grade science students in Dingell's district were asked to prepare a 500-word essay explaining why conservation and the environment are so important to them and their communities. They were also asked what role they believe they should play in protecting the Earth for future generations. Photo courtesy of the office of Congressman John D. Dingell

#### Taylor FOP Awards McGeogh Scholarships

The Taylor Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 123 has announced the winners of its third annual Holly McGeogh Memorial Scholarship awards.

The winner selected from Harry S. Truman High School was 17-year-old Troy Pare, who was chosen for his academic excellence as well as his involvement in school activities. His essay honoring Army Specialist McGeogh - a 2002 Truman High School graduate who was killed in a bomb blast in the war in Iraq in 2004 - set him apart from other applicants.

Said Pare, "This scholarship has a special meaning to me, being named after a soldier from my own school. Holly has made the ultimate sacrifice for her community. I have been able to think of her when I have struggled with hardships and realize how well I have it compared to the people still fighting for our freedoms.'

The son of Rene and Kathy Pare plans to major in criminal justice.

Char Dudek, a teacher at Truman High School, recommended Pare for the scholarship, calling him "an exemplary student. His academic skills are far above

The winner from John F. Kennedy High School is 17-year-old Chelsee Senia, chosen for her academic performance, community involvement, and essay. The daughter of Michael Mowry is planning a career in social work.

Kennedy teacher Jacqueline Lancina said, "Chelsee has been a model student the entire time I have known her."

Both winners will receive \$1,000 toward their college tuition, and will be presented with their scholarship plaques at the Taylor Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 123 golf outing, to be held at Taylor Meadows Golf Club (25360 Ecorse Road) at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 26.

#### Foundation Awards 10 Scholarships

The Taylor Public Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence awarded 10 \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Kennedy and Truman high schools during farewell assemblies held June 3.

Scholarship presentations included:

- the Taylor Big Boy Scholarship, sponsored by Rich and Mary Ann Swor, was awarded to Kimberly Dean (KHS) and Charlotte Dobessi-Bossombo (THS);
- the Educational Athletic Scholarship was presented by Athletic Director Loren Ristovski to Ryan Hargraves (THS);
- the Sam Ellis Memorial Scholarship donated by the Ellis family in memory of the former Truman principal who passed away, and intended for education students who participated in at least one sport - was presented to Elizabeth Ivezaj (THS);
- the Bruce Bone Scholarship was presented to Sarah Roe (KHS);
- the Mayor Cameron G. Priebe scholarship for criminal justice, environmental science, or communications students was presented to Alex Stellini (THS)



Foundation members Rich Swor and Barbara Schultz presented Truman senior Alex Stellini with the Mayor Cameron G. Priebe scholarship.

and Kourtney Davis (KHS), both of whom plan to study criminal justice;

- the Odette Chiropractic Scholarship, awarded by Dr. Pat Odette, was presented to Brenda Hawkins (THS) and Zachary Raboczkay (KHS); and
- the Grodman Cure Foundation/Shane Simmons Memorial Scholarship was presented by Dr. Scott Grodman to Chelsee Senia (KHS).

(From left, in caps and gowns) Kennedy seniors Chelsee Senia, Kimberly Dean, Sarah Roe, Kourtney Davis, and Zachary Raboczkay were presented with Foundation scholarships by (from left) Mary Beth Swor, Dr. Scott Grodman, Caroline Patts, and Barbara Schultz. Photos by Kathleen Trent

#### Taylor Cultural Arts Commission, Friends of the Arts Award Scholarships



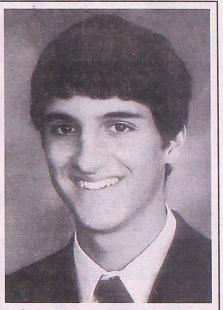
Ian Cooley

The Taylor Cultural Arts Commission and Friends of the Arts have awarded arts scholarships to two graduating seniors. This is the third year that the commission has awarded two \$500 scholarships to students furthering their education in the arts.

This year's honorees are Ian Cooley and Adam Winnie, both recent graduates of Harry S. Truman High School. The scholarships were open to City of Taylor residents who graduated from high school this year, and who are planning to enter a career in the arts, including dance, music, theater, fine arts, or any related field

Four members of the Cultural Arts Commission and Taylor Friends of the Arts, from diverse media backgrounds, judged this year's entrants on criteria that included creativity, skill level, grade point average, and letters of recommendation.

Besides being a member of Truman's Drama Society, Cooley was homecoming king, a class officer, a member of Student Council, a National Honor Society member, and, with a GPA of 4.1196, a co-valedictorian of the Class of 2009. He is very active in community theater, and volunteers his time at the Tried & True Thrift Shop. Cooley plans to study theater at Michigan State University.



Adam Winnie

Winnie, who graduated with a 3.65 GPA, was a member of Truman's symphonic band and the TNT marching band. He also was a National Honor Society member, and participated in Student Council. Winnie has played with the City Youth Orchestra and the band at his church. He plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, majoring in biology with a minor in music theory or performance.

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Adult Education Class of 2009 (January) William Adair II, Lia Arnold, Cristin Bilideau, Malerie Darden, Robert Diaz, Lawanna Harrington, Ericka Jackson, Shavon Johnson, Sara Khalaf, Jessica Lampinen, Nicole Maxwell, Gary Peters Jr., Jazmyn Pope, Donavin Sadler, John Smiley Jr., Terrill Troupe, Ciera Warren, Mark Williams, and Brittany Wyatt.

#### Adult Education Class of 2009 (June)

Matthew Adams, Jason Denson, Quincy Johnson, Mickey Kreutzer III, Thomas Makuannen, Aqiyla McClain, Jeremy Mester, Patricia Northrup, Christopher Peterson, Shiohban Porter, Jasmine Rich, Rebecca Rippetoe, Richard Rutherford, Shelby Sassak, Marion Shaw, Andrew Smith, Glenn Smith, Travis Suggs, Bobby Taylor, Corey Weaver, Delorean Williams, Joshua Williams, and Travis Winkie.

#### **GED** Recipients

Jenny Amsis, Rachel Bartscht, Robert Baum, Amy Bewley, Erica Boughan, Richard Bracey Jr., James Brock, Willie Canady, Lisa Carroll, Johnny Clark, Kevin Dixon, Brandon Edwards, Lindsay Ellis, Candice Fenner, Brandon Freeman, Lisa Funk, Krystal Gerow, Roshanda Geeter, Jonathan Gonczy, Tina Green, Derek Guglielmo, Brynn Hanke, Donetta Hardman, Latasha Hardman, Laura Hayley, Victoria Hayley, Gloria Haywood, Barbara Husted, Charles Keil, Ryan Keresi, Nicole Kitson, Wendy Kuehn, Robert Lewis Jr., Romona Lomax, Justin Markley, Towan Marshall, Ada Martin, Adam Mattson, Krysten Morrow, Kerri Mott, Jerry Mullins, Shioban Nash, Anthony Palazzolo, Jamison Parker, Larry Quickley, Dawn Reamer, Ashley Rodgers, Christina Ross, Ryan Samuels, Jesse Sneath, Heather VanBuren, Tiffany Walker, Amanda Weatherholt, Kay Yu, and Tiffany Zanotti.

#### Taylor Celebrates Michigan Log Cabin Day

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United States. They arrived in Detroit on May 5, 1854, and settled in nearby Dearbornville in June.

Their farm on Pennsylvania Road between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads was purchased in 1858, and was composed of 40 acres of wooded and sandy soil. The rustic log cabin already was on the site and served as their first homestead for many years. The cabin had been built on a sandy mound to avoid flooding from the nearby creeks winding through the acreage. Several large elm and oak trees that are well over 150 years old still remain on the site.

In later years, the Storches Americanized their name to Strong. They raised seven of their ten children in the small cabin. Andrew and Elizabeth Storch are both buried in nearby West Mound Cemetery.

Several of their descendants resided Downriver some years ago. Marion and Blanche Strong – granddaughters of Andrew and Elizabeth – shared the following facts about the old cabin: "In the summer months, us two girls would drive the cows from nearby Henry Strong's farm to Grandpa Strong's farm across the road to pasture. We would let them graze for about two hours. We would play cards or checkers with the neighbor boy, Warren Dammerow, whose farm adjoined the Strong farm. After a couple of hours, we'd drive the cows back to pasture, where the well was. We would then take turns pumping the water trough full for the horses and cows. All kinds of wildflowers were in the woods on the north end of the farm. We often found arrowheads around the sandy mounds. The log cabin stood abandoned for many years and was used only during the hunting season. We often visited the cabin, but always had to look out for skunks that seemed to be around quite often."

We know that the historic cabin was used by many families over the years since 1858. Ann Strong lived there until 1917. Frank Dittmar and Mary Lowe both worked for the Strong family. They began their married life in the log cabin in 1906. Their son, Elmer Dittmar, was born in the cabin on December 28, 1906. Members of the Dammarow family and the Art Strochine family also lived in the cabin. Bud Stother lived with his family in the cabin during the early 1940s.

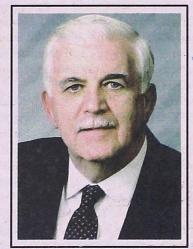
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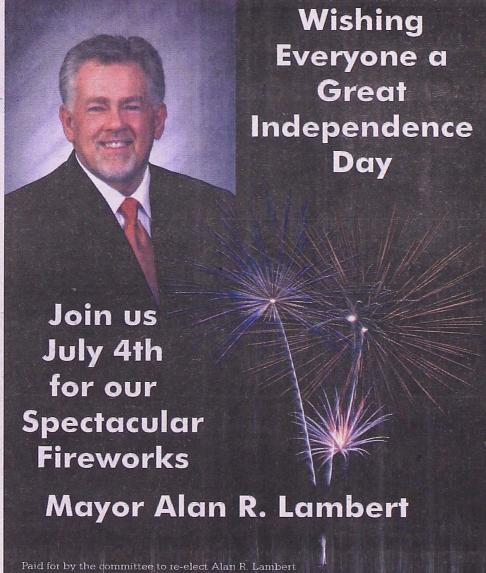
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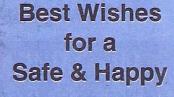
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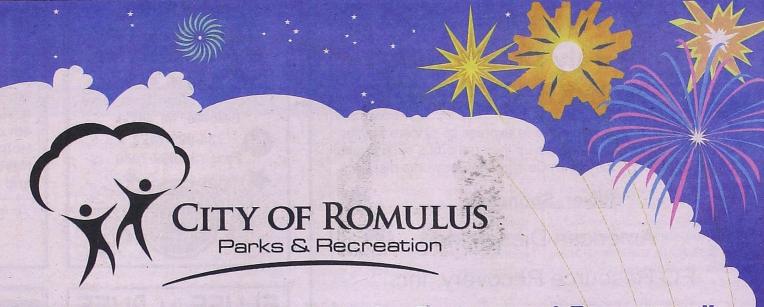






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#### **New Boston**

#### Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's

Children ages 4–12 are invited to attend this summer's "Gadget's Garage" at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and discover that God is always doing great, exciting things!

The program will run at the church (19109 Craig Street) the week of July 13–17 from 6 to 9 p.m. A light dinner will be provided.

To register, call 734-753-9048.

#### Romulus

#### Sounds in Downtown

The immensely popular "Sounds in Downtown" free concert series will continue with the following shows:

- · Area churches (gospel): June 26;
- 6-Foot Poles (classic rock): July 17;
- BackBeats (Beatles tribute): July 31; and
- Kimmie Horne (jazz): August 8.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at Romulus Historical Park (Hunt Street south of the post office), *rain or shine*, except in cases of stormy weather.

The family-friendly events also will feature inflatable "bouncies," free giveaways, a prize drawing, and concessions.

Bring a picnic basket and blankets/ chairs for an evening of summer fun! Weekly Flea Markets, Cruise Nights

Weekly events at Juliann's Coney Island (30763 Eureka Road) benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund while offering free fun for participants.

The first, a parking-lot flea market, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Free spaces are available to all on a first-come/first-served basis.

A second fund-raiser, Cruise Night (aka Hot Rods, Hogs, and Dogs), is sure to become a summer favorite for people who like one or more of the titled offerings. Highlights of the events, held each Monday from 4 to 8 p.m., include DJ music, door prizes, and 50/50 raffles.

For information, call 734-942-7965. **Youth Activities** 

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is planning "Splash Week" (August 3–6; swimming at a different location each day) and "Arts & Crafts Camp" (August 17–20) for ages 8 to 12.

Cost is \$60 and \$30, respectively. Register by July 31. Call 734-941-8665.

#### Back-to-School Clothing Drive

Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street) will be collecting clothing from the community and distributing it to those in need.

The church is now accepting new and gently used clothing, including, but not limited to, adult and children's tops, pants, skirts, coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and shoes.

Clothing may be dropped off at the church between 9:30 a.m. and noon Monday through Thursday, or you may call the church (734-941-0736) to arrange a pickup.

The distribution will be held at the church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 8. All are welcome.

#### **Taylor**

#### Farmer's Market Now Open

The new Taylor Farmers Market is open every Wednesday outside the Sheridan

Community Center at Heritage Park (12111 Pardee Road). Featured products include produce, plants, crafts, and artisan items.

Farmers, vendors, volunteers, and sponsors interested in participating must apply and be approved. Applications are available by calling Shirley Moore at the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (313-843-2550). Sponsorship is welcomed for the market's initial growth and success.

#### Summertime Fun at Heritage Park

The City of Taylor and the *News-Herald* will present Summertime Fun at Heritage Park the weekend of July 10–12.

Highlights of the event will include a carnival (Friday, 4 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.) and Vegas games (Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 2 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, 2 p.m. to midnight), as well as special events like a movie in the park (*Hotel for Dogs*, Friday at dusk), a 5K run/walk (Saturday at 8 a.m.), free concerts (Saturday, noon to 10 p.m.), a fishing derby (Sunday, 9 to 11 a.m.), mud volleyball (Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.), and a charity softball tournament (TBA).

For information, visit the City of Taylor Web site: <a href="www.cityoftaylor.com">www.cityoftaylor.com</a>.

#### Golf & Redneck Reunion Benefits Camp Fire USA

The 8th Annual Golf & Redneck Reunion, hosted by WYCD 99.5FM radio personalities Edwards & Lee, will be presented by WXYZ-Channel 7 at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club (25505 Northline Road) on Monday, July 13.

A \$398 cost per foursome for the scramble-format event includes a charity concert featuring country artist Luke Bryan, 18 holes of golf, a registration gift for each golfer, and longest-drive and worst-score prizes, as well as a continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, and a mouth-watering dinner by Famous Dave's. Other highlights will include a silent auction.

Check-in will begin at 8 a.m.; play at 9 a.m.

Registration and payment is due by Tuesday, July 7. For information, call Camp Fire USA at 248-559-5840.

#### Elsewhere

#### **Downriver Senior Olympics**

This year's Downriver Senior Olympics will be hosted by the communities of Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, and Rockwood the week of August 3–7. Open to ages 55 and up, the program features competition in a number of events, including baking, bridge, euchre, pinochle, billiards, shuffleboard, bocce ball, golf, ping-pong, tennis, soccer kick, basketball shoot, football throw, softball throw, frisbee throw, ring toss, horseshoes, darts, bowling, swimming, a one-mile run, and ballroom dancing.

Most events are just \$2 each, plus a onetime registration fee of \$6. Entry forms (available at the Romulus and Taylor senior centers) must be submitted, along with payment, *no later than Friday, June 26*.

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#### FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN

The Romulus Community Schools announces its sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under, or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. Meals will be provided at the site listed below:

Romulus Middle School 37300 Wick Road, Romulus, MI 48174

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The feeding program will operate from June 22 through July 30, 2009. Program will be closed on July 2, 2009, due to the holiday.

For more information, contact the Romulus Community Schools Administrative Office at 734-532-1600.

#### Taylor Restaurant Offers a Taste of Florida



Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe joined Key West Coffee and Café owners Jerry and Sue Vaughn and their employees for the restaurant's Grand Opening ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 29. Located on the northeast corner of Telegraph and Northline roads, Key West lives up to its Florida namesake with its outdoor patio, colorful island decor, tropical drinks, and themed menu. For carry-outs or reservations, call 734-287-7600 or visit <a href="https://www.keywestcoffeecafe.com">www.keywestcoffeecafe.com</a>.

#### The Stork Arrived!

#### Peyton Sheridan Natoshia Hudson

Truman Hudson, Jr. and Shareia Carter of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Sheridan Natoshia Hudson.

Peyton was born in Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital at 10:11 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2009, weighing 5 lbs., 3 oz., and measuring 17 in.

Especially excited about the new arrival were her older siblings, Angela and Truman III.

Also giving Peyton a warm welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Truman Sr. and Dorothy Hudson (Detroit, MI), and her maternal grandparents, Stacey Carter (Romulus) and Larry and Ingrid Johnson (River Rouge, MI).



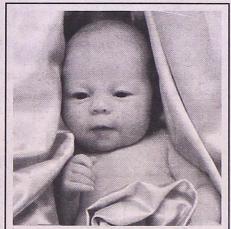
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#### **Evangeline Rose York**

Proudly announcing the birth of their daughter, Evangeline Rose York, are James and Rebecca York of Monroe, Michigan.

Evangeline was born in Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (Trenton, MI) at 12:43 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 19.25 in.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Leon and Eva York (Florence, AL), and her maternal grandparents, Ron and Julie Oleszkowicz (Romulus).



**Evangeline Rose York** 

## Obituary

#### **Ethele Baumann**

Ethele Baumann of Wyandotte – formerly of Romulus – passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at the age of 92.

She is survived by 4 children, Patrick (Mercedes) Burgess, Barry Baumann, Susan (Melvin) Campbell, and Kathleen Love; 2 nephews, John (Mary) Bodary and Ron (Marlin) Bodary; 11 grandchildren; 23 greatgrandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Among those who preceded her in pass-

ing were her husband, Norman Baumann, and a son, Norman Larry Baumann.

A funeral mass was held on Monday, June 8, at St. Patrick Church (Wyandotte). Interment was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery (Wyandotte). Arrangements were entrusted to R.J. Nixon Funeral Home (Wyandotte).

Memorial contributions to Henry Ford Hospice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

#### Keenan Brown Family Raises \$500 for NKF



Romulus resident Keenan Brown and his family participated in last month's Kidney Walk, raising \$500 for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. Brown, a chronic kidney disease victim who serves as an advocate for those with similar health problems, also visited Washington, D.C. on World Kidney Day (March 12) to share his story and concerns with lawmakers.

## Happy Anniversary!

#### Wadsworths Celebrate 42 Years of Marriage



Congratulations to Bill and Jean Wadsworth of Romulus, who celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on June 24. The couple announced the event to their neighbors by dressing their lawn ornaments, "Mr. and Mrs. Duck," in appropriate attire, and adding some suitable signage.

#### Juliann's Raises \$200 for Animal Shelter



On behalf of the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund, Romulus City Councilman Bill Wadsworth recently accepted a donation of \$200 from Kenneth Mabrey, co-owner of Juliann's Coney Island. The restaurant raises money for the animal shelter through special events such as flea markets and car shows.

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